REMARKS

IDS

The applicant filed an IDS on January 28th, 2005 which was not marked as considered in the latest office action. The applicant hereby respectfully requests consideration of the IDS filed on January 28th, 2005.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended for minor typographical errors. No new matter was added.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Independent claim 18 is amended to include objected claim 25, which depended from claim 18 and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 25 is cancelled from the application.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102

Claims 18, 23, 24, 26-28 are pending and rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Goldsmith* (U.S. Patent No. 5,228,852).

In reply, the Applicant would like to point out that independent claim 18 has been amended to include an objected dependent claim that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. This amendment makes this rejection

obsolete. The Applicant kindly requests the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) for claims 18, 23, 24, 26-28 to be removed.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-17 are allowed. Claims 19-22, 25, and 29-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In reply, the Applicant thanks the Examiner for identifying allowable subject matter. Rejected independent claim 18 was amended to include a limitation of one of these objected claims, i.e. claim 25 which is now cancelled from the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims now in the application are in a condition of allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims now in the application is kindly requested.

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